



MURRIETA FIRE DEPARTMENT WEEKLY REPORT

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COLUMNIST? - Ferguson

For the last few months, this column has served as a vehicle to share a few thoughts about a number of different topics. While I have authored a handful, others, including Chief Lantzer, have also contributed.

One of our career development goals is to help those interested in teaching and writing to find/refine their voice. To that end, I would like to invite you to submit an article or outline that you would like to see in print. The idea is that this forum can be a safe place to stretch your literary legs a bit.

Contributors do not have to be firefighters; in fact, they do they not necessarily have to be directly affiliated to our department. The message should, however, have *some* kind of link to the mission of our service. Ideas can range from customer service, training, or culture, to any number of technical or organizational topics. They can be funny or instructional, reflective or historical; whatever suits your passion.

This should not be treated like an Instagram or a Facebook post about your lunch, pet, or political opinions. As such, all submissions must remain in good taste, author(s) should remain open to some help with editing, and be willing to add their name to the final product. It is best if your word count is limited to somewhere between 400– 600 words, although we can make exceptions.

It can seem like a bit of a risk, but my hope is that a few of you will give this a try – shoot me an email or give me a call if you want to submit something or have any questions.

AUDIENCE COMMAND - FERGUSON

December 1, 2006; Fire Chief Magazine

Since Ben Franklin's Philadelphia volunteers first raised a pint in the local pub, firefighters have shared tales of perilous adventures and offbeat characters both to blow off steam and to informally induct members into their fraternity. These tales can not only prove therapeutic, they can provide a non-threatening mechanism for passing along lessons in leadership that are critical to the success of a growing organization.

Stories can inspire us to strive for greatness or motivate us to acts of incredible dishonor. Stories can make us laugh or make us cry. They help to reminisce, teach and survive the human dramas of a profession that can unwittingly scar the psyches of its most-worthy members.

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CAUGHT IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Chief Lantzer just returned from a two-week course in Executive Planning, hosted by the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Members are encouraged to apply for one of the many offerings provided: <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/training/nfa/>

IN THE QUEUE

- May 16-27 – Ch. Lantzer@ National Fire Academy
- May 9 – forward: name@MurrietaCA.gov change
- May 16 – New email retention policy in effect
- June 2-3 – MFD Captain's exam
- June 7 – TLO Basic class in Murrieta
- June 14 – CERT Train the Trainer
- June - CPR, ACLS, and PALS
- July 25 – Unearth MFD time capsule

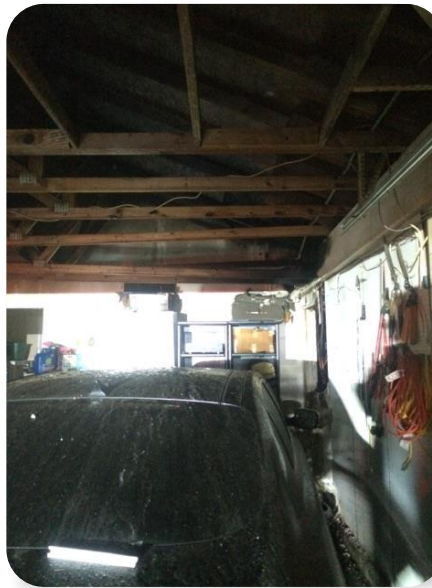
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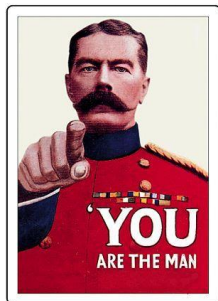
At 11:37 a.m. the Murrieta Fire Department, along with mutual aid from Cal Fire and AMR, responded to a reported mobile home fire in the 28000 block of Mary Place in the Los Alamos Hills area of Murrieta. When crews arrived on scene, multiple trailers were well involved with fire and were threatening a mobile home adjacent next to the exposure. Seventeen firefighters were able to extinguish the fire within 30 minutes of their arrival. Crews were also able to extinguish brush and numerous trees that were a threat to nearby wildlife preserve.

No evacuations occurred and one person was displaced from the home. Damage was estimated at \$35,000. Investigators determined that the fire was accidental.

STRUCTURE FIRE - IRON GATE LANE



All units responded to a reported structure fire at the address given. First unit on scene found smoke coming from the garage. As additional resources arrived on scene, crews were able to make an aggressive interior attack to rapidly knock the fire down. There was significant damage to several of the roof trusses over the garage, making the area unsafe. No injuries were reported on the incident.



DATES - CPR, ACLS, PALS:

June 7 and 8
June 15 and 16
June 29 and 30



Cases With a Twist: When a Call Turns Violent

EMS World: David Page, MS, NRP and William S. Krost, MBA, NREMT-P - Feb 23, 2016

Woman tries to stab Pennsylvania medic in the chest; two Detroit paramedics stabbed and slashed in the face; EMTs shot at, ambulance stolen in Alabama; chief calls stabbings "near-death experience."

All of these headlines have one thing in common— they all happened in 2015, along with many similar events.

Violence against police receives a lot of media attention. What about violence against EMS providers? The public often does not view EMS as a target for violence, and event reporting and tracking is sporadic at best.

In this article we review a recent attack and outline strategies to mitigate our risk of becoming victims of violence.

Case Presentation

On Wednesday, November 25, 2015, at 10:38 p.m., an EMS crew responded to a domestic violence call. On scene they began treating their patient when a woman holding a knife lunged at the EMS crew yelling, "I'm going to kill you." She stabbed one of the crew members in the chest and slashed at his abdomen. [- MORE](#)



OPERATIONS

64 EMS
 4 Fires
 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents
 13 Hazardous-No Fire
 13 Public Assistance
 8 Beeping Smoke Detectors
 4 Police Assist
 34 Cancelled Calls
 7 False Alarms
 11 Miscellaneous
 150 Total Calls



Congratulations to Paul Alvarado who just graduated from the RCC Fire Academy

This week's mind blowing numbers...



Equipment Brief

- The Mechanic

Truck 2 – Out of service – possible engine overhaul

Brush 3 - PM, transfer value/tires May 10-12

Engine 21 – Back in service

Engine 2 – Tablet, flag cab re-wiring – May 31

Engine 5 – Back in in service



Facilities Brief

- BC Kean

- Station 1: Shop: OSHA inspection complete; getting quotes: bathroom remodel
 Station 2: Roof /rain gutter repair: contractor selected; processing PO
 Station 3: Front door replaced; getting quotes for painting and FA monitoring
 Station 4: Bids being obtained for fire alarm repair and painting
 Station 5: Plymovent Installation budgeted; waiting on finance processing

EMS CALLS ONLY – (May 22–May31)

Call Processing Time (Secs): 30
 Turnout Time (Mins): 1:12
 Travel Time (Mins): 3:43
 Total Time to Arrival (Mins): 5:35

FIRE CALLS ONLY

Call Processing Time (Secs): 1:05
 Turnout Time (Mins): 1:07
 Travel Time (Mins): 4:51
 Total Time to Arrival (Mins) 7:03

Dates: April 16-20

Fire Final	1
Fire Underground Hydro	0
Fire Overhead Hydro	0
Fire Alarm	8
Fire Rough	0
Fire Sprinkler Final	1
Fire Miscellaneous	0
Fire Flush	0
Business Inspection	1

New Submittals

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| • Fire Sprinkler | 11 |
| • Fire Alarm | 0 |
| • Building | 1 |
| • Underground | 0 |

Resubmittals

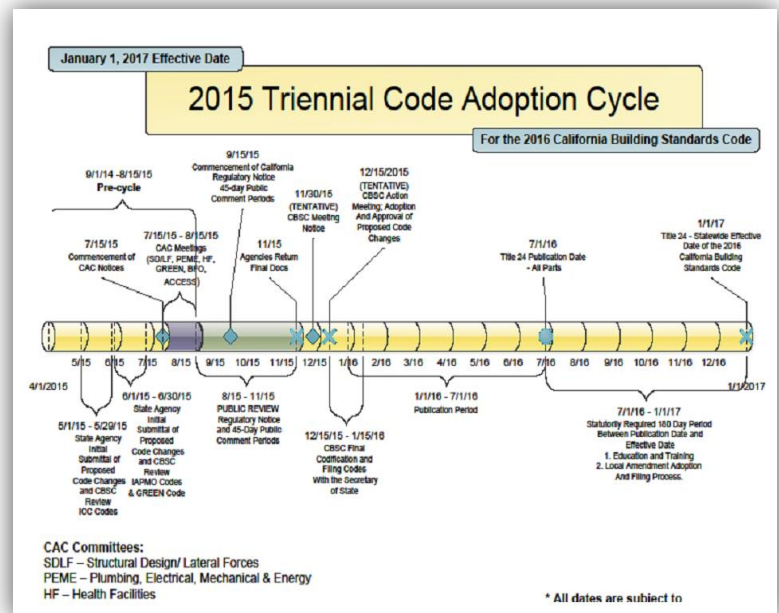
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| • Fire Sprinkler | 0 |
| • Fire Alarm | 0 |
| • Building | 0 |

Approved Plans	1
Corrections	4

Fees Collected	\$13,586
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FIRE PREVENTION

2016 California Fire Codes are in print now and will be shipping soon, with that said and knowing the burning desire to become well-versed in the code, I have attached an adoption time line for the crews to follow along and provide input towards OUR local amendments.



Starting June 1, 2016 through July 29, 2016 the FPB will be collecting, analyzing and distinguishing California code language from local amendments to make recommendations to City Council. Some of the key review points will include building standards vs. non-building standards, and where improvement can be made to make operations run smoother and safer.

Please forward any input directly to myself and remember we as local jurisdiction may establish more restrictive building standards than the state code if they are based upon local geographical, topographic, or climatic conditions, so voice your concerns.- Jason

Audience Command – continued.

The ability to tell a good story is one of the most powerful of all human skills. History is full of people who have used the emotion generated by words to change the course of a nation, and just about every fire department has at least one leader who has learned to harness the power of storytelling to ignite and drive changes in management policy and practice. Using a subtle charisma, they have developed an uncanny ability to narrate an experience or preach to possibilities in a manner that resonates with their audience.

A master storyteller

Many of our childhoods were dotted with the moralistic tales from the Brothers Grimm, Aesop, Mark Twain and C.S. Lewis. These authors communicated complex themes in a traditional format with a beginning, middle and end and with plots that allow the listener to immerse themselves in the imaginary world of the stories' characters.

Among other things, traditional stories are relevant for reinforcing an organization's preferred identity, encouraging people to work as a team and illustrating the characteristics of leadership. They most often include an antagonist and a protagonist besieged in crisis.

Conversely, some of the most effective narratives don't comply with the traditional principles of storytelling. Not all of the conventional pieces need be present to convey a desired message. They serve to communicate complex ideas and spark action; they share knowledge; they inspire people to imagine the possibilities that the future can hold.

Retired Phoenix Fire Chief Alan Brunacini has a third-degree black belt in storytelling. He's an expert at imprinting significant but entertaining documentaries into the brains of his audience to emphasize critical points in leadership, safety and priority decision-making.

It's not just that Brunacini's stories have meanings, but also that he has uniquely mastered the conveyance of the tale. His contorted facial expressions and mannerisms make it seem that he has become one of his characters. It's not hard to imagine him waving to Mrs. Smith, a central figure in most of his teachings, while shuffling from his driveway every Saturday morning in a Hawaiian shirt, baggy pants and open-toed slippers to retrieve the morning paper.

That shirt has become his trademark. While it may be common to see fellow master Gordon Graham in a suit and tie, Brunacini's attire has become as recognizable to the firefighting enthusiast as Mr. Rogers's sneakers and sweater are to a whole generation of Baby Boomers.

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MFD is developing a library of good articles from which to reference for career development.
More on this article – (see email attachment)

So we can all go home...

SAFETY/HEALTH

-MFD Safety and Health Committee

LIFE Safety Initiative - 2 - Ackerman

The second life safety initiative has to do with accountability. The initiative seeks to "enhance the personal and organizational accountability for health and safety throughout the fire service." This is not referring to the accountability system we use on scene of emergencies; it implores us to adopt an attitude of personal accountability with matters of safety.

This may seem like a given, however many times we allow pride to interfere and we turn a blind eye on safety issues. Worse yet, we may look at a safety concern and see it as somebody else's responsibility and continue on without it ever getting addressed. We must each take personal ownership of the safety of ourselves, our members, and the citizens we serve.



The Safety and Health committee has pledged to adopt this initiative on an organizational level however each of us individually must also choose to adopt this accountability on a personal level to achieve the greatest level of safety.

You know, back in the day...

...where does the BVM go?

